



# Career Facts

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## Agassiz Youth Centre

Agassiz Youth Centre (AYC) is a 58-acre provincial youth correctional centre in Manitoba located in Portage la Prairie. The centre provides care, custody and a variety of programs for about 128 young people remanded or sentenced to a term of open or secure custody under Canada's *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

### Programming

EQUIP is designed specifically to serve residents in a correctional centre. The goals of the program are to provide a safe, caring and positive environment based on mutual respect and accountability; to promote healthy, productive choices and gradual, successful reintegration into the community. It focuses on equipping youth with useful skills and abilities through individualized, yet group oriented, processes. The program is a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week way of living.

Other programs offered to offenders at AYC

- academic/education
- carpentry
- meat cutting
- Culturally Appropriate Program
- spiritual and religious programs

### Other activities

AYC has a secure outdoor recreational area, a gym and an activity area including:

- baseball diamonds
- a farm
- a garden

Chaplains and Aboriginal spiritual caregivers provide pastoral and spiritual care. Aboriginal spirituality is conveyed through teachings and ceremonies such as smudges, a sweat lodge and powwows.


### Staff

AYC has seven residential units. Each unit is staffed by juvenile counsellors on a 24-hour basis under the direction of a unit manager.

Shift operations managers provide 24-hour direction in daily operations.

The Gladys Cook Education Centre is staffed year-round under the direction of an education coordinator and with qualified teachers from Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning.

Registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and LPN's provide care from 0730hrs-2145hrs.



Corrections staff must work as part of a team, using sound judgment and a mature, common-sense approach to decision-making and inmate interventions. Candidates will take the correctional officer/ juvenile counsellors screening tests. The tests assess written skills, problem-solving and decision-making abilities, judgement and other personal characteristics important for correctional staff.

If you are selected for correctional officer/ juvenile counsellor training, you must:

- Submit a recent Criminal Records Search Certificate.\*
- Submit Child Abuse and Adult Abuse Registry Checks.
- Submit Emergency or Standard First Aid and CPR Level C certificates.
- Have a valid Manitoba Class 5F driver's licence.
- Meet medical fitness requirements.

\* A previous criminal record does not necessarily mean a person cannot become a correctional officer/juvenile counsellor — it will depend on the nature of the offence and how long ago the offence was committed. You may apply for a pardon if you meet the requirements.

## **How to apply**

Send an application for employment and a resumé to:

Human Resource Services  
Manitoba Justice  
1130-405 Broadway  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3L6  
Phone: 204-945-5032  
Fax: 204-948-7373  
Email: [correctionsrecruitment@gov.mb.ca](mailto:correctionsrecruitment@gov.mb.ca)

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